

(J) WHEN A COMPLAINT IS RULED TO HAVE NO MERIT BY THE COMMISSIONER AFTER PETITION TO HIM AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (I), A COMPLAINANT, UNDER SUBSECTION (A) ONLY, MAY APPEAL SUCH FINDING TO A COURT OF EQUITY IN ANY COUNTY WHERE THE EMPLOYER, LABOR UNION, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY OR ANY REPRESENTATIVE THEREOF IS LOCATED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE COMMISSIONER'S RULING. IF THE COURT FINDS AN ABUSE OF DISCRETION BY THE COMMISSIONER IN TERMINATING THE CASE, IT SHALL ORDER SUCH FINDING STRICKEN AND IT SHALL FURTHER ORDER WHATEVER RELIEF IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE SO LONG AS SUCH RELIEF IS CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS AND PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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Whoever shall (1) forcibly resist, oppose, impede, intimidate, or interfere with a duly authorized representative of the Commissioner while he is engaged in the performance of duties under this subtitle or (2) willfully commit a practice made unlawful by this subtitle shall be deemed to have been guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not more than \$500. or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both: Provided, however, That no person shall be imprisoned under this section except when there has been a prior conviction hereunder.

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For the purposes of this subtitle—

(a) The term "person" means one or more individuals, partnerships, associations, labor organizations, corporations, business trusts, legal representatives, or any organized groups of persons.

(b) The term "employer" does not include a club exclusively social, or a fraternal, charitable, educational or religious association or corporation, if the club, association or corporation is not organized for private profit or any person, company or corporation engaged in interstate transportation whose employment practices are regulated by federal statute or regulation.

(B) "EMPLOYER" INCLUDES ANY INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, BUSINESS TRUST OR ANY PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS EMPLOYING ONE OR MORE EMPLOYEES AT ANY ONE TIME.

(c) The term "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Labor and Industry;

(d) The term "employment agency" includes any person, firm or corporation undertaking to procure employees, or opportunities to work.

(e) The term "labor organization" means a labor organization engaged in an industry in the State of Maryland, and any agent of such an organization, and includes any organization of any kind, any agency, or employee representation committee, group, associa-